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ABSTRACT

A biodegradable anastomer fabricated with a biodegradable polymer. The polymeric
5 composition includes a mixture or copolymer of lactic acid and polyglycolic acid. The
polymeric composition is preferably at least 75% lactic acid by weight, and more preferably at
least 85% lactic acid by weight. The polymeric composition may be used to formulate a
biodegradable thermo-conforming film used for anastomosis.